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In re Application of :
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Serial No.: N/A :
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For: HAND TRUCK FOR MOVING, :
MANIPULATING, AND ALIGNING :
OBJECTS :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified
application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, lines 7-11, please delete the entire "CROSS
REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section and insert therefor:

- - This application is a continuation of application no.
09/498,760, filed January 27, 2000, which application claims the
priority benefit of application no. 60/117,428, filed January 27,
1999, and each of which is incorporated herein by reference. - -

On page 4, line 18-page 5, line 14, please delete the entire
"BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" section and insert the
following new description therefore:

- - BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 shows the first preferred embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a front perspective view of a further preferred embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 3 is a top view of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a view of the embodiment of Fig. 2, in use;

Fig. 5 is a somewhat schematic side view of the embodiment of Fig. 2, in use as a brake drum, for example is being engaged;

Fig. 6 is a further view showing the brake drum being engaged;

Fig. 7 is a further view showing the brake drum being lifted;

Fig. 8 is a further view showing the chain being detached from the brake drum for transport;

Fig. 9 is a view showing transport of brake drum; and

Fig. 10 is a view showing the brake drum as it is being installed on an axle. - -

Please add the following new Abstract:

ABSTRACT

Cart includes a body, a wheel attached to the body, and a support ring movably attached to the body. The support ring may be sufficiently flexible so that the support ring can accommodate different objects. The support ring may be rotatably attached to the body. A handle may be provided on the body. An extension may be provided between the handle and the body. Two spaced apart

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wheels may be provided. The support ring may include a mouth for enhancing the flexibility of the support ring. A lock may be provided for selectively restricting movement of the movable attached support ring. The lock may include a chain having a hook which may be disposed on the handle for securing the chain. The hook may be a s-hook. One or more blocks may be provided on the support ring, the blocks being of different sizes for reducing the effective inner diameter of the support ring by different amounts.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2.

Please enter the following set of claims 1 and 3-15 to substitute for the previously filed claims 1 and 3-15. Some of the claims have been amended as shown on the attached marked-up sheets reflecting changes made to the claims.

1. A cart, comprising:
 - a) a body;
 - b) a wheel attached to said body;
 - c) a support ring freely rotatably attached to said body; and
 - d) said support ring freely rotating relative to said body when said cart is in use.

3. A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:
 - a) a handle is attached to said body.

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4. A cart as in Claim 3, wherein:

a) an extension is provided between said handle and said body, and the handle extends transversely relative to the extension.

5. A cart as in Claim 4, wherein:

a) said handle extends away from said wheel.

6. A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

a) said wheel includes first and second spaced apart wheels.

7. A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

a) said support ring is sufficiently flexible so that said support ring can accommodate different objects.

8. A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

a) said support ring includes a mouth for enhancing the flexibility thereof.

9. A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

a) a lock is provided for selectively restricting movement of said movably attached support ring.

10. A cart as in Claim 9, wherein:

a) a handle is attached to said body; and

b) said lock includes a chain having a hook, said hook being disposed on said handle for securing said chain.

11. A cart as in Claim 10, wherein:

a) said hook includes an s-hook provided on said chain; and

b) said s-hook is configured for engaging a brake drum supported by said support ring.

12. A cart as in Claim 11, wherein:

a) a block is provided on said support ring, said block being sufficiently large for reducing the effective inner diameter of the support ring.

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13. A cart as in Claim 12, wherein:

a) said block is detachably attached to said support ring.

14. A cart as in Claim 11, wherein:

a) said block includes a plurality of blocks.

15. A claim as in Claim 12, wherein:

a) said block is provided on the interior of said support ring.

Please add new claims 16-20 as follows.

16. A cart as in Claim 2, wherein:

a) said support ring includes a mouth for enhancing the flexibility thereof.

17. A cart as in claim 16, wherein:

a) said mouth has an open portion, and said open portion faces away from said handle.

18. A cart, comprising:

- a) a body;
- b) a wheel attached to said body;
- c) a support ring freely rotatably attached to said body;
- d) said support ring freely rotating relative to said body when said cart is in use;
- e) said support ring including a mouth for enhancing the flexibility thereof; and
- f) said mouth having an open portion, and said open portion facing away from said handle.

19. A cart as in Claim 18, wherein:

- a) a block is provided on said support ring, said block being sufficiently large for reducing the effective inner diameter of the support ring.

20. A claim as in Claim 18, wherein:

- a) said block is detachably attached to the interior of said support ring.

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REMARKS

Please enter the above prior to examination on the merits.

It is believed that no fee is due, however, should that determination be incorrect, please charge any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 19-2105 and notify the undersigned in due course.

Should Patent Office Officials have any questions or comments, please telephone Terrence Brown to resolve such.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. A cart, comprising:

- a) a body;
- b) a wheel attached to said body; [and]
- c) a support ring freely rotatably [movably]

attached to said body; and

d) said support ring freely rotating relative to
said body when said cart is in use.

2. A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

a) said support ring is rotatably attached to said
body.

3. A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

- a) a handle is attached to said body.

4. A cart as in Claim 3, wherein:

a) an extension is provided between said handle
and said body, and the handle extends transversely relative to the
extension.

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5. A cart as in Claim 4, wherein:

a) said handle extends away from said wheel.

6. A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

a) said wheel includes first and second spaced apart wheels.

7. A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

a) said support ring is sufficiently flexible so that said support ring can accommodate different objects.

8. A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

a) said support ring includes a mouth [far] for enhancing the flexibility thereof.

9. A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

a) a lock is provided for selectively restricting movement of said movably attached support ring.

10. A cart as in Claim 9, wherein:

- a) a handle is attached to said body; and
- b) said lock includes a chain having a hook, said

hook [which may be] being disposed on said handle for securing said chain.

11. A cart as in Claim 10, wherein:

- a) [a] said hook includes an s-hook [is] provided on said chain; and
- b) said s-hook is configured for engaging a brake drum supported by said support ring.

12. A cart as in Claim 11, wherein:

- a) a block is provided on said support ring, said block being sufficiently large for reducing the effective inner diameter of the support ring.

13. A cart as in Claim 12, wherein:

- a) said block is detachably attached to said support ring.

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14. A cart as in Claim 11, wherein:

a) said block includes a plurality of blocks.

15. A claim as in Claim 12, wherein:

a) said block is provided on the interior of said support ring.